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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Wednesday, November 28, 2018                      12:00 noon                      Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Hughes.

Members present: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Dianda, Clemente.  
Members absent: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes of May 2, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Hughes laid the following bills before the committee:

SB 703	(Schmidt)	Taxation; convention tourism assessments; convention and tourism promotion act; revise.
SB 704	(Schmidt)	Taxation; convention tourism assessments; regional convention and tourism promotion act; revise.
SB 705	(Schmidt)	Taxation; convention tourism assessments; regional tourism marketing act; revise.
SB 706	(Schmidt)	Taxation; convention tourism assessments; convention and tourism marketing act; revise.
SB 707	(Schmidt)	Taxation; convention tourism assessments; community convention or tourism marketing act; revise.

Dave Lorenz, representing the UP of Travel Michigan, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Molly Medenblik, from Senator Schmidt's office, and Linda Hoath, representing the Michigan Convention Visitor Bureaus – Sault Convention Visitor Bureau, testified together in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Larisa Draves, representing the Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan.  
Deanna Richardson, representing Check-In Michigan.

Bret Marr, representing the Detroit Metro Convention Visitor Bureau.  
Robert O'Meara, representing the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association.  
Dave Greco, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.  
David Gregory, representing the Mackinac Island Convention Visitor Bureau.  
Doug Small, representing Experience Grand Rapids.  
Jack Schripsema, representing the Greater Lansing Convention Visitor Bureau.

Vince Rogala, representing Mackinaw Mill Creek Camping, submitted email testimony in opposition to the bills.

Representative VanderWall moved to report out SB 703 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 4-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Clemente.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: Rep. Dianda.

Representative Sheppard moved to report out SB 704 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 4-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Clemente.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: Rep. Dianda.

Representative Sheppard moved to report out SB 705 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 4-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Clemente.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: Rep. Dianda.

Representative VanderWall moved to report out SB 706 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 4-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Clemente.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: Rep. Dianda.

Representative Sheppard moved to report out SB 707 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 4-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Clemente.  
Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Dianda.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:18 p.m.

**Representative Holly Hughes, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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